

December 9, 2018 Populus Zion: Advent II

The phrase "**Populus Zion**" is from the Latin language. In English it means "people of Zion." These are the beginning words of the Introit. During Advent we omit the "Gloria In Excelsis" and "This Is the Feast".

SUNDAY: Order of Service: Page 151

8:00 & 10:30 am Hymns: 345 – 344 – 527/528 – 357 st. 3,4
(Please note that "This Is The Feast" is omitted during Advent.)

The Sermon: "The Power Of God's Word"
Luke 3:1-6

△ Whenever this symbol appears at the beginning of a hymn stanza, please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: After each petition, the pastor will pray, "Lord, in Your mercy," and the congregation will respond with "**HEAR OUR PRAYER.**"

LET US PRAY Cleanse our conscience, we beseech You, Almighty God, by the daily visitation of Your grace, when Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, shall come in the company of all His saints, He may find us ready for His appearing, to meet Him without spot or blemish; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PULSE OF THE CHURCH (Attendance)

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 249

Sunday School Attendance: 44

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Total This Year</u>
Last Week's Offerings:	\$ 9,002.00	\$ 305,243.54
Other Receipts:		14,544.68
Total 2018 Receipts:	9,002.00	319,788.22
Weekly Budget:	6,538.00	313,824.00
Compared to Budget:	+ 2,464.00	+ 5,964.22

Luke 21:38 "*Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.*" When the world starts to fall apart, when things go badly, when nation rises against nation, Jesus tells us to lift up our heads because redemption is nigh. What a wonderful reminder that we Christians really have nothing to fear. Jesus has conquered, and He will deliver the full victory to us in His second Advent. Therefore, we are free to live godly, generous, faithful lives here and now. We have nothing to fear.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by Sharon Jardas in loving memory of her husband, Joe. Flowers are also placed by Duane & Karen Luick in loving memory of their daughter, Jenni.

ELDERS

Sun 8am: Jeff Schmittinger
10:30am: Andrew Peterson

ACOLYTES

Jenna Keeling, Jacob King
Andrew Salo, Tyler Schmidt

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today (9) Divine Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am
 Sunday School 9:10 am
 Bible Classes 9:15 am

Monday (10) Senior Group 11:00 am
 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
 Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Church Council 7:30 pm

Wednesday (12) Preschool Christmas Program 4:00 pm
 Decorating the church 5:00 pm
 Advent Divine Worship Service 7:00 pm

Friday (14) Fish (and Chicken) Fry at Marty's 6:00 pm

Sunday (16) Divine Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am
 Sunday School 9:10 am
 Bible Classes 9:15 am

GREETINGS FROM ST PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND RAINBOW PRESCHOOL!

We join our Lord Jesus Christ in welcoming you to His House for this Divine Celebration of His Word and Sacraments. We are happy that you are here to worship Him with us today. For the latest news & information about St. Peter's Lutheran Church visit our website!! www.stpeterswaterford.com

YOUNG CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available. The coloring page and stickers may be taken home. Please replace the bag in the plastic box when finished.

HEARING ASSISTANCE Portable listening devices are available. Please see an Elder or Usher to assist you.

RAINBOW PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Wednesday, December 12th at 4:00 pm. Light snack will be provided afterwards in the parish hall. All are welcome!

DECORATING THE CHURCH We will decorate the church on Wednesday, **December 12th at 5:00 pm.** All help is welcome and is greatly appreciated - adults, children, bring the whole family!

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP will meet on Monday, December 10th. Bible Study with Pastor Bischoff at 11:00 am. Catered meal at about 11:45 am. Bring a photo of yourself at a younger age for a guessing game. Bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift for bingo.

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH — **Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church: Homeless Outreach.** Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Milwaukee has requested assistance in their outreach work to the homeless throughout the city. Bethany is open during very harsh weather conditions to offer food/meals, an emergency temporary shelter to individuals and families with children through the help of the Red Cross. Please consider sending to Bethany - food baskets, blankets, pillows, mattresses, gloves, coats, clothes, hats, sweaters, socks, shoes, towels, lotions, toilet rolls, napkins, hygiene package, etc. We, here at St. Peter's, are accepting monetary gifts as always. If you would like to instead donate the items listed you may do that as well. Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, 2031 N. 38th St, Milwaukee, WI 53208-1862, Pastor Christian Ikanih.

THE BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH has received a \$100 donation from Diane Edwards in memory of the December birthdays of her parents, Norbert & Eleanor Buse. Thank you for your generosity!

THE ST. PETER'S BOARD OF EVANGELISM is placing an order for "**Armor of God**" Lapel pins. The cost will be **\$4.00** each. If interested, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Money for the pins will be collected after the pins arrive. We can pray, such as: "Dear God, Today we put on your full armor. Forgive us God for the times we've been unprepared, too busy to care, or trying to fight and wrestle in our own strength. Thank you that we never fight alone, for You are constantly at work on our behalf. We believe your power protects us, and we trust In the powerful name of Jesus. You are always shielding, protecting, strengthening, exposing deeds of darkness, bringing to light what needs to be known, covering us from the cruel attacks we face even when we're unaware. We thank you that we are forgiven, set free and saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. -Amen."

ANNUAL WINTER APPAREL DRIVE The Board of Social Ministry continues our annual winter apparel drive to benefit Love, Inc. and the sweater and afghan drive to help our veterans. We are collecting GENTLY used items. Again this year, please place items for both drives in the same box located in the narthex (we will sort & deliver). Thank you for your continued support in these efforts!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? Do your shopping at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to St. Peter's. You can increase St. Peter's donation potential by spreading the word about **AmazonSmile**. Sign in to <http://org.amazon.com> and choose to support St. Peter's Church and Rainbow Preschool. To date we have received **\$349.11**.

FISH (and chicken) FRY FRIDAY - Christmas Version!! – Friday, December 14th , 6:00 pm at Marty's Fiesta Hall

Mark your calendar for the December Fish/Chicken Fry. Please join us for **fish and chicken, french fries and potato pancakes, cole slaw, tossed green salad, bread, and dessert.**

The price of \$13.65 (tip extra) includes beverages such as coffee, soda, milk, iced tea. Children under 5 are free, ages 5-10 - \$6.85. There is a cash bar for those who enjoy an adult beverage.

We will play **Christmas Bingo**...Please bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift, marked for either man or woman or child, which will be used as prizes for Bingo.

Everyone is welcome! Come out and join us for a casual and fun evening. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet by Dec. 9th, although if a last minute change in your schedule allows you to come, just let us know so we can update numbers for Marty's.

Any questions or last-minute sign-ups, contact Lori or Pastor B.

LIVE NATIVITY Lutheran Chapel of the Cross is having the Live Nativity Dec. 14th at 7pm and Dec. 15th at 4:30 and 6:30. The 4:30 service will be the children's program. Afterward cookies and coco will be served in the narthex. Chapel of the Cross, 1426 N. Fancher Road (Hwy H), Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406.

TALK RADIO FOR THE ADVENT SEASON...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: The Advent Hymns "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" & "Once He Came in Blessing," Messengers from John the Baptist, Mary Visits Elizabeth and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

WONDERING HOW YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE IT THROUGH THESE WINTER MONTHS? What are you going to do after Christmas and New Years? How about a weekend away learning about God's plan for you, and hanging out with sisters in Christ? Come and break up the winter blues at the 2019 LWML SWD Winter Getaway, February 1 and 2 at the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Great speakers, servant events, and fellowship - what could be better? Join us and find your "*Courage, Wisdom, and Strength through Christ for the Journey.*" For more information, go to www.LWML-SWD.org/Events/retreats.